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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

In accordance with past practice in UNCTAD, it is proposed that the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group consist of 7 members (a Chairman, 5 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur), to be elected from among the core membership* in accordance with the following geographical distribution:

Lists A and C combined	-	4
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Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda in section I follows the format agreed upon at the consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 July 1992. As provided for in the calendar of meetings, the Working Group will have available five working days from 9 November to 13 November 1992. Throughout this session, interpretation facilities will be available. At the first meeting on 9 November 1992, an opening statement will be made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative. The rest of the time of the Working Group will be primarily devoted to item 3 of the agenda, as agreed in the consultations of the Secretary-General.

Item 3: Establishment of the work programme of the Working Group

With a view to assisting the Working Group in establishing its work programme, the secretariat has prepared a note entitled "Issues for consideration in the establishment of the work programme" (TD/B/WG.1/2). The note covers the following topics: (i) policies and measures to attract foreign direct investment; (ii) the role of foreign portfolio investment and new mechanisms; and (iii) organization of work.

Attention is drawn to paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Working Group which states that: "The Working Group may recommend for the consideration of the Board the establishment of expert groups".

Item 4: Provisional agenda for the second session of the Working Group

Paragraph 11 of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group states: "The frequency of session of the Working Group is to be decided by the Board in accordance with the existing procedures concerning the calendar of meetings. The duration of the sessions should be of five days or less".

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* In paragraph 77 of the Cartagena Commitment, the Conference specified that "... the core membership of these working groups will comprise all interested countries, which will nominate the relevant national experts. Other countries may participate in an observer capacity."

A draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Working Group will be submitted for consideration in the light of the decisions of the Working Group with respect to its work programme.

Item 5: Other business

Attention is also drawn to paragraph 5 of the terms of reference which specifies that: "In its work, the Working Group should take due account of the diversity of country situations and experiences". Paragraph 5 also refers to the participation of non-governmental actors. The Working Group is invited to consider the participation of such non-governmental actors in the work of the Group.

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Working Group to the Board

Paragraph 10 of the terms of reference of the Working Group states that the Working Group "may submit interim reports and shall submit a final report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board".